



May 6, 2010

**Notification of *Force Majeure* for Methyl Methacrylate Polymers**

Dear Customer:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that, due to circumstances beyond our reasonable control, The Dow Chemical Company (“Dow”) has declared force majeure for Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) manufactured at Deer Park, Texas. Since January, we have experienced a number of unplanned repairs and unexpected mechanical failures, including, more recently, plugging in our crude MMA production unit. These unplanned situations have caused significant MMA production rate decreases since January. The plugging recently increased dramatically, causing us to take down the affected crude MMA units immediately for cleaning and repairs.

We are working swiftly and safely to bring these units back to full production rates as soon as possible. However, due to the reduced production rates we’ve experienced since January, and the resulting decreases in our MMA inventories, this unplanned downtime of our crude MMA units significantly impacts our ability to meet our supply commitments for internal use of MMA and therefore our ability to manufacture MMA-containing products sold by Dow Construction Chemicals. As a result Dow Construction Chemicals in North America is declaring force majeure for its polymers based on Methyl Methacrylate (MMA).

As a result of this Force Majeure, Dow is able to supply customers according to the allocation plan listed below, barring unforeseen events.

Week	Allocation
May 10, 2010	50%
May 17 thru June 13, 2010	80%

Dow will continue to monitor the output of its manufacturing facilities and notify customers about June availability. Your sales representative will be contacting you with further details of this plan, including detailed supply arrangements over the long term.

We apologize for any inconvenience or interruption this may cause in your own production operations, and we sincerely appreciate your patience during this difficult time. Please know that we are working hard to correct the situation and to completely restore and supply your needs as soon as possible. I would ask for your understanding during the intervening period. If you have any immediate questions, please contact your local sales representative.

Cordially,

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Commercial Director, Dow Construction Chemicals North America